

a wand assembly pivotally coupled to the housing, wherein the wand assembly is moveable from a first position with a first wand-positioning-force and from a second position with a second wand-positioning-force, wherein the first wand-positioning-force is different than the second wand-positioning-force.

23. (Amended) The lighter of claim 22, wherein a pivoting force applied to a point on the wand assembly and sufficient to pivot the wand assembly is greater in the first position than in the second position.

24. (Amended) The lighter of claim 22, further including a cam follower operatively associated with the housing and including a first engaging portion, wherein the wand assembly includes a second engaging portion, and in the first position the first and second engaging portions contact.

25. (Amended) The lighter of claim 24, wherein in the second position, the first and second engaging portions are out of contact.

28. (Amended) The lighter of claim 22, wherein the wand assembly is pivotable between a closed position and an extended position, and the first and second positions are located between the closed position and the extended position.

29. (Amended) The lighter of claim 22, wherein the wand assembly is slidable between a closed position and an extended position, and the first and second positions are located between the closed position and the extended position.

30. (Amended) The lighter of claim 22, wherein in the first position the wand assembly is in an extended position, and in the second position the wand assembly is in a closed position.

31. (Amended) The lighter of claim 22, wherein in the first position the wand assembly is in a closed position, and in the second position the wand assembly is in an extended position.

34. (Amended) A lighter comprising:  
a housing having a supply of fuel;  
an actuating member operable to selectively ignite the fuel, the actuating member associated with the housing; and  
a wand assembly movable between a closed position and an extended position, wherein the wand assembly is releasably positionable and releasably securable with respect to the housing in at least one predetermined intermediate position between the closed position and the extended position.

45. (Amended) A lighter comprising:  
a housing having a supply of fuel;  
an actuating member moveable to selectively ignite the fuel, the actuating member associated with the housing; and  
a wand associated with the housing and moveable between a first position and a second position,  
wherein when the wand assembly is in the first position the actuating member requires a first actuating force to selectively ignite the fuel, when the wand assembly is in the second position the actuating member requires a second actuating force to selectively ignite the fuel, and the first actuating force is greater than the second actuating force.